

Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)
Steering Committee Meeting
September 17, 2007, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Resources Agency Bldg., Room 1131

**Note: this was a postponed meeting of the Steering Committee from 9/7/07 to hear initial results of the Conservation Strategy Options Evaluation.*

Draft Meeting Notes

Associated documents/handouts:

- Agenda
- Options Evaluation locator map (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 1 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 2 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 3 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation map of Option 4 (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation summary table of fish by options (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation summary table of non-biological criteria by options (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation summary table of overall comparison of options by criteria groups (paper copy)
- Options Evaluation executive summary (paper copy)

Action Items and Key Decisions

- Steering Committee (SC) will review and be prepared to discuss the Conservation Strategy Options Evaluation by the Friday 9/21 meeting

Conservation Strategy Options Evaluation

Paper copies of summary sections provided for today's meeting, electronic copy of full report will be available for downloading tomorrow (9/18/07) on the Resources Agency BDCP website. SC members will review the full document and meet again on Friday 9/21/07 to continue discussion.

In coming weeks, SC will continue to discuss the Options and craft a conservation strategy approach that will help guide the planning process for the NCCP/HCP. The Option carried forward may change in the future based on information that is developed during the NCCP/HCP planning process.

Options evaluation presentation (Paul Cylinder and Pete Rawlings)

- Descriptions of Options.
 1. Existing configuration
 2. Improved Through-Delta Conveyance, using siphons and barriers to separate flows. Gravity siphon at Victoria Canal was not sufficient in the hydrodynamic models to meet water supply/reliability goals. Configuration assumptions were altered to include a pump facility at the siphon so it could meet water supply/reliability goals.
 3. Dual conveyance. Same conveyance as Option 2 plus peripheral aqueduct connecting with existing pumps in the south Delta.
 4. Peripheral aqueduct only.
- Process of evaluation and structure of output and analysis
 - Pyramid with most detailed information (hydrodynamic model output) at bottom, more rolled-up information toward the top. Overall summary shows criteria category by Option in table format.
 - At the most detailed level, quantitative metrics, tools, and scales based on model output were used to evaluate each species by criteria and stressor; at the next level up rankings were applied, based on quantitative scales
 - Evaluation of Options by species was based on anticipated effects of the restoration potential and hydrologic conditions associated with each Option on important stressors identified for each species.

- Executive summary is the distilled document, describes how the detailed full evaluation document was built.

Discussion

Next step is to determine if there's any additional information needed so SC can winnow the Options further and select an approach. Fall work will include choosing and fine-tuning a direction and developing the Option that will be described in the Framework document. SC also needs to consider how the Option fits into other processes and continue communication with Delta Vision and others.

Public Comment

None at this meeting

Next meeting

Friday 9/21/07. Normal meeting time and location, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Resources Building room 1131.

Meeting attendees

Representatives

Karen Scarborough (The Resource Agency)
Paul Cylinder (SAIC)
Pete Rawlings (SAIC)
Jason Peltier (Westlands)
Carl Wilcox (DFG)
Jerry Johns (DWR)
Russ Strach (NOAA Fisheries)
Kim Delfino (Defenders of Wildlife)
Campbell Ingram (The Nature Conservancy)
Greg Thomas (Natural Heritage Institute)
Walt Wadlow (SCVWD)
Joe Grindstaff (CBDA)
Greg Gartrell (CCWD)
Jeffrey Russ (Mirant)
Frank Michny (USBR)
Dale Myers (Zone 7)
Kenny Watkins (CFBF)
Will Stelle (The Resources Agency)
Cindy Darling (The Resources Agency)
Laura King Moon (State Water Contractors)
Gary Bobker (The Bay Institute)

By phone

Bill Boyd
Richard Roos-Collins
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